

PINK BOLLWORM PROGRAM – WEEKLY REPORT
38 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COTTON GROWERS



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Pink Bollworm Activities

Palo Verde and Imperial Valleys:

There were 12,112 Native moths captured during the week. Winds have stopped in the area and temperatures are high. There are 188 traps currently in place, and 22,951 native moths have been captured year to date. Each PBW trap location also has a Boll Weevil trap which is serviced at the same time as Pink Bollworm Traps. Agricultural Pest Control Specialist, Jodi Brigman, will be completing the second series of her Supervision class in Sacramento the week of 5/15/06.

San Joaquin Valley:

Weather has warmed up for the week, sunny and temperatures in the 90's. The Shafter location is now exactly matched with the 2005 Degree Day model with 619 accumulated heat units as of 5/14/06. It is reported that cotton planting is winding down in the San Joaquin Valley. Field mapping of the cotton is set to begin May 16. Good stands are being reported.

Staff have completed placement of early detection traps in select areas of the San Joaquin Valley. No Native Pink Bollworm Moths have been detected as of yet in 2006.

The first aerial release of the year is set to begin May 16th. 2 million sterile moths per day will be released on select 2005 Native find sections.

Sacramento Valley:

The anticipated start date for Pink Bollworm Program mapping and trapping in the Sacramento Valley is September 18.